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### INSTALLATION SOMERS TAXATION SYSTEM BY CITY NOW STARTED

ACTUARY WILLIAM YOUNG ARRIVED THURSDAY MORNING

Offices Have Been Located on Third Floor of City Hall—System Instituted by April 1.

William Young of San Antonio, assessor for the Somers System of Taxation arrived in the city yesterday morning for the purpose of instituting the installation of the system for the city. He was accompanied by J. E. Klamp, an engineer of San Antonio, who will have charge of the local work under the direction of Mr. Young.

Mr. Klamp will be assisted by six or seven assistants. Offices for the entire force are now being fitted up on the third floor of the City Hall. Mr. Young stated yesterday that by April 1 the system will be installed and all tax returns and assessments for this year by the city will be under the Somers System.

The City Council has voted to adopt the system, which is now being used in Houston, Beaumont, Galveston, San Antonio and other cities with marked success. Mayor Miller and other members of the council are of the belief that the workings of the plan will soon prove equally fair assessments for all property owners.

Sectional maps of the city are now being prepared for Engineer Klamp and his assistants. The city will be divided into districts and the tentative values or properties will be determined by a committee of citizens from each of the districts.

After such tentative values have been fixed by these committees the property owners of the city will be called to meet with the various committees and discuss the appraisements made. Then the assessments will be worked out under the first plan of the Somers System.

It is expected that the city will be divided into five or six or possibly more districts. The most valuable business district will be selected as the "city" and assessments of nearby property in the same district will be determined accordingly.

Mr. Young will remain here for several days after which he will return to San Antonio. Within another few weeks he will return and from that time will devote his entire time to the work of installing the system locally.

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### FEDERAL COURT IN SESSION

Likely That Present Term Will Terminate by Tonight—Next Term May 26.

In the Federal Court the case of the Hartman-Jones Engineering Company of Tulsa, Okla., versus the Peoples Light Company of this city, on contract and for trespass of light, is still on trial before Judge Walter Burns. The introduction of testimony began Tuesday afternoon.

It is expected that the introduction of testimony will be concluded this morning and that the case will be disposed of during the day. With the disposal of this case court will adjourn for the term. Judge Burns and other officials of the court expect to leave tonight for Houston where they will remain until Monday when they go to Galveston for the Galveston term of Federal Court.

The next term of the Corpus Christi court begins on May 26. All cases on the Criminal docket have been concluded in that term.

Miss Esther MacTugan, publisher of newspapers at Gregory, Portland and St. Paul has returned from Washington, D. C., where she spent the holidays. She reports a pleasant trip.

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### JAMES W. WARD DIED THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT AGE OF 66 YEARS

HAD LIVED IN CORPUS CHRISTI  
FOR PAST 45 YEARS.

Funeral Will Occur This Afternoon at  
3 O'clock From Water Street  
Home.

James W. Ward, one of Corpus Christi's best known and most honored citizens, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary A. McCampbell, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. Some months prior to his death, Mr. Ward had been in poor health, and the end was not unexpected. At the time of his death, he was 66 years of age. He is survived by five children, Thomas D. Ward, city commissioner, Mrs. Mary A. McCampbell, Russell Ward, Eddie Ward and Richard C. Ward, all of Corpus Christi.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of Mrs. McCampbell on Ninth Water street, and services will be conducted by Dr. J. W. Rykens, both at the residence and the grave. Interment will be made in the New Bayview cemetery. The pall bearers will be E. T. Morrison, R. H. Dingham, H. B. Dorsett, Joe Hirsch, H. E. Lator and George R. Clark.

cut of paper; all city departments will be closed today.

#### Biographical:

James W. Ward was born at Austin, Texas, October 14, 1847. He was the son of Thomas William Ward, a vigorous pioneer who served as an officer under General Sam Houston, and who during the civil war served as major of Austin, taking a leading part in public affairs at the capital. The elder Ward later served as Commissioner of the General Land Office. The family is of Irish descent, sprung of noted ancestry.

James W. Ward, the subject of this sketch, moved to Corpus Christi in 1867, his father having accepted the office of collector of customs. From the time of his arrival the younger Ward took an active hand in all public matters, having an extensive interest in the original townsite and being in many ways connected with the city's upgrowth.

He served as deputy collector of customs under Plaza and Dr. Kerney, at a time when Corpus Christi enjoyed the favor of Goliad, the Malory line at that very extensive trade, overland and by steamboat, the Malory line at that time having a regular schedule between Seige and New York. In 1875 he was appointed postmaster and served in that capacity for several years.

Later, when the Corpus Christi, Rio Grande & Rio Grande—since known as the Texas-Mexico railway—was constructed, he took the position of agent and auditor, representing the original promoters of the road. Michael King and Martin Kennedy subsequently he was associated with the late G. P. Root in the land business under the firm name of Root and Ward, and from 1882 until 1892 he was a partner of J. C. Russell in the oil business. At all times he was in close touch with public enterprises, and he gave up active business but a few months prior to his death.

Mr. Bennett's friends will remember him as one of the five who became Knights of the Grid, representing the Houston Dry Goods Co. of Houston in this territory for the past five years and making Corpus Christi headquarters for the past three years.

The Oscar Graham Stock Co. will present the drama "The Higher Law" at the High School Auditorium on January 14th. Mr. Graham is the author of the book "The Higher Law" and the dramatization of this is a perfect representation of the beautiful portrayal of all that is best in this life.

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### SAP ROAD PRESENTED EULIO VELA WITH GOLD WATCH FOR HEROISM

MEXICAN YOUTH FINDS BROKEN  
RAIL AND REPORTS.

Notice of Detective Rail Received Just  
in Time to Have Passenger Train  
Stopped on Sept. 7.

As a small reward for an act which in all probability prevented a wreck on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, Commercial Agent Harry Miller yesterday received from the headquarters of the railway company, a gold watch which was presented to Eulio Vela, Mexican youth of this city. Together with the token of the railway company, young Vela was presented with a letter of thanks.

The story of the incident dates back to September 7, 1912. Young Vela was walking near the roadway across the reef and discovered a broken rail on the Sap track. He immediately notified the bridge watchman of the Sap just in time to have the incoming passenger train No. 11, from San Antonio, discontinued. The broken rail was caused by the passage of passenger train No. 14 out of the city a couple of hours before the boy was discovered.

Sap railway officials are of the opinion that a wreck was prevented by the presence of mind of Young Vela and his quick notifying the bridge watchman of the defective rail. Repair of the track was quickly affected by local Sap crews and the train which might have been wrecked, causing much loss of life, safely entered the city.

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### ONCE-A-WEEK CLUB PROPOSED

Mayor Miller Proposes Club of Novel Character to Boost Nueces Hotel.

Major Miller proposes the organization of the "Once-a-Week Club" an organization in which every Corpus Christian will be eligible for membership and in which no dues will be charged. The only obligation will be that each and every member will pledge himself and family to take at least one meal each week at the Nueces Hotel.

Major Miller stated yesterday: "For many years Corpus Christians complained of the lack of a first class hotel in this city. Now we have a hotel that is the equal of any in the United States and this hotel may be kept open for the benefit of our summer and winter visitors."

The dining room of a modern hotel is always the living end of the hotel business. We must maintain the Nueces hotel on account of our trade and it occurs to me that our own people should patronize the rate at least once a week by taking the family to the Nueces for a meal. One hundred members of the Once-a-Week Club would help the better worthiness."

Major Miller proposes to secure at least 100 members for the Club and seeks the co-operation of all public spirited citizens.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR INSPECTION

Annual Inspection of Corpus Christi Commandery Made By J. B. Bawell of Dallas.

Wednesday night, the annual inspection of Corpus Christi commandery Knights Templar, was made by a representative from the Grand Commandery. J. B. Bawell of Dallas was the representative and at the close of the inspection he complimented the Knights of the local commandery. Such annual inspections are among the most important meetings of the year of the Knights Templar.

During the meeting a number of addresses were made. Those on the speakers included Mr. Bawell and Rev. T. F. Readout, Rev. Virgil Thomas, Rev. J. W. Sykes, E. G. Crabb, Frank E. Ring, L. M. Hubert, John L. King and others. At the close of the meeting the members adjourned to the lower floor of the Masonic Temple where a banquet had been prepared by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kielberg. Coffers were held for 25 guests.

Mr. Bawell left yesterday morning for Brownsville, where he will inspect the commandery of that city. V. G. Thosher of this city has been appointed by the State Commandery to inspect the Laredo Commandery and left yesterday morning for Laredo.

On Tuesday night, January 13, will occur the annual election of officers of the Corpus Christi Commandery. The present officials are, Louis C. Wells, eminent commander; G. M. Hart, generalissimo and J. W. Allen, captain general.

C. O. Sheldon of Calallen spent yesterday in the city.

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